The Meeting Last Night.

Last evening a meeting of citizens favorable to the construction of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford R. R. was held in front of the Market House. When we arrived on the ground George Davis, Esq., was about closing an earnest exhortation to his fellow-citizens to come forward to the work in a spirit worthy of the occasion. H. L. Holmes, Esq., was the next speaker called upon, and he responded in an address of some length. Turning to the history of the past, as a source from which to draw inspiration for the conduct of the future, he pictured Wilmington as it had been and as it now is-showed that the public-spirited efforts of the citizens of Wilmington had wrought this great change. Said that it remained with the Wilmington people themselves to say whether their town, in the future, should exhibit as great an advance on what it now is, as its present position does over that which it occupied prior to the construction of its two existing railroads, or whether i should retrograde, for, in the struggle of life, we are all like persons swimming up stream; if we once stop paddling, down we go with the current .-Mr. Holmes enforced upon his audience the great advantages to be derived from the construction of the proposed Road, and the necessity of building it, and begged them to lay aside every opposing feeling or local or political animosity, and go for this great work as one man.

Hon. W. S. Ashe being called upon, made a short but pointed speech, in which he remarked that this project was no new love of his, but had long occupied his mind, and that its accomplishment had been the object of his most earnest desires. It was essentially the road that we wanted, and although he had heard people talk against it, they had always been South Carolinians, who felt that it would strike a death-blow at their control of North Carolina trade and N. Carolina interests. As old Cato showed his earnestness upon a certain subject by concluding every. harangue with the declaration that "Carthage must be destroyed," so would be conclude by declaring emphatically that " this road must be built."

Mr. Davis called upon General Alexander McRae for some practical facts and suggestions illustrative of the subject under consideration. These the General proceeded to give, remarking that he would not attempt to make a speech, but simply to set forth some of the reasons he had for believing that the calculations upon the local travel and freighting which has to compete for freight with the North is difficult to estimate. East River, which carries a large amount of the produce of Duplin County that would otherwise pass as Louis Napoleon's journey to the Crimea, where he over the Road, and also with the Neuse and Tar Rivers, which take off large quantities of produce to Newberne and Washington. The Western Road would go through a much more productive tier of counties, the produce of which was all bound to come over it, and it was certain that its business would be much larger than that of the Road to which he referred and which he used as a basis of calculation, but assuming at the same in proportion to population he showed that it was bound to pay seven per cent. upon three millions, and he felt confident that the cost of its construction to Rutherford need not, and would not, exceed that thwarted, and her policy and administration become amount. The population of the counties on the line of the Wilmington & Weldon Road was, we think he said, about seventy eight thousand; that of the counties to be traversed by the new Road nearly twice as Royal and aristocratic manner. Therefore is Louis judgment that he might have acquired in almost a life-time connection with Railroads, upon the assertion that this would be a paying road. He thought every man in the community ought to come forward, and forget "hard times" for a while, and. after individuals had done their very best, then the town, in its corporate capacity, ought to do the balance of what might be wanting.

to a call upon him, made some very sensible remarks in advocacy of the work. It was not for him to advise or instruct the people. They were to instruct would come up for their decision, in accordance with law, and he begged them to reflect upon it with a due

the same subject.

community, have been willing to advocate Temper- rified. ance in a temperate manner, to act as good men conscous of being engaged in a good cause. On the

afraid of moistening their clay.

against the Maine Law. -

moon's face, but simply the shadow of the earth fal- be much better if we all did. ling upon it, some of the more powerful reddish rays of light refracted by the earth's atmosphere still concompletely black .- Daily Journal, 2d inst.

such an extent, that every subject has been discussed that's all, and wax sentimental. in every form, turned to every varying shade of light, and so to speak, thoroughly exhausted, so that it only remains for us now to take materials out of the general fund and use them for our own purposes of application to present circumstances. Aware of this fact, we content ourselves with repeating the common remark that this is a strange world that we live in, where people are constantly struggling and jostling each other in the effort rather to seem than to be, and where appearances rather than facts, in a great measure, control the world and the world's

Now, there is Louis Napoleon, a smart man enough n his way, who got into France, into the Presidential Chair, and finally into the Imperial authority by a name, a prestige, a trick, not by being a great man himself-for nobody gave him credit for even common ability when he commenced his career -he operated altogether by the outward show-the glare and glitter of the Napoleonic name It was not the individual Louis Napoleon that was elected-it was the mere idea of the nephew to the Great Napoleon, kept so constantly before the French people. It was in fact a very pretty piece of humbug almost worthy of Barnum himself.

But, however he got where he now is, the fact of is being at present the most influential personage n Western Europe is fully admitted, as is also the certainty that in the present Anglo-French alliance, he is the main spoke in the wheel, in which the British Ministry figures only in a secondary capacity .-These are the substantial facts of his position, and he is as fully conscious of them and their value as anybody. But then, after all, he only a parvenue, and like most parvenues, he feels specially anxious to at tain position, in lact to get into society-he feels that, although mankind recognizes the solid potentiality of him and his government, still the ton-the Kings and Queens-the upper-ten-the peculiarly effete legitimates have not recognized him in a social way, and, like as it was with Haman, who could by no means feel satisfied while Mordecai sat at the King's Gate, so all is naught with Louis Napoleon until his "Royal Brethren" take him into the charmed circle, and their ladies are on visiting terms with Mrs. Louis. projected Railroad would be a paying one, basing his | For this he would give a good deal more than it is worth, although in a world of humbugs-not to say business of the Wilmington & Weldon Road, a work a humbug of a world the power of combined cliquery

Sometime since few things were so much discussed was to fulfil his "destiny." Whether the design of making such a journey was ever seriously entertained, we cannot say; but, even if it had been, something far more important has intervened to prevent any such design from being carried into execution. The momentous event is an invitation to Windsor Castle. a social recognition for the parvenue Emperor, and his still more parvenue wife, by the proudest Court on earth. True, England's Queen is but a little, dumpy, half-crazy and half-scrofulous nobody, not to be compared with the younger, more beautiful, and more spirituelle Eugenie; true, her arms have been ridiculous, but still, her own stupidity, and that of her ministers to boot, proves their "high connections," shows that they have intermarried in the most great. He was willing to risk any reputation for Napoleon the happiest man in Europe or elsewhere, even if Sebast pol be not taken. He has got the entree to Windsor Castle, and is hereafter respectable Alister and G. W. I. Goldston requested to act as and licensed to be as stupid as he pleases.

This is one species of flunkeyism rendered necespeople and press of Great Britain, among whom the Col. John McRae, Mayor of the town, in answer faithful ally" was within the memory of the youngest tion were unanimously adopted: inhabitant held up or put down as a most contemptible nobody, but now he has made a fortune, so to day of the next Superior Court, to nominate a candidate to ton Journal for publication. speak, and he is very much of a gentleman. The him. The question of a subscription by the town London Times always truculent and ferocious to the weak, is now ready to fawn like a spaniel upon the man whom it formerly ridiculed, while it vents its regard to its importance and the magnitude of the in- low spleen upon the Irish population in the United States, whom, with its known devotion to the interests which the area of our country has been enlarged, the glory | The steam ship Star of the West left San Juan on John A. Taylor, Esq., followed, warmly urging of this country, it hounds on the Know Nothings the great importance of the work and the duty to proscribe and persecute, because, first, of their which Wilmington owed to herself to come forward opposition to the Exeter-Hall abolitionism, which in a manner worthy of the occasion. George R. our loving cousins beyond the water look upon, French, Esq., also offered some remarks bearing upon and truly, as their most potent lever to operate against their most growing and most dangerous We have been content to give a slight shadowing rival, and because, in the second place, it wishes to forth of the spirit of the remarks made, without offer- excite such a feeling in this country as will prevent ing any of our own at present. We will, however, the helots of British tyranny from escaping from their recur to the subject at a fitting time. - Daily Journal bonds, and swelling the population, and increasing the power of a hated rival; and yet the party which panders to these designs of British anti-slavery scoun-Every body knows that for years past the Tem- drelism assumes for itself the name and the merits of perance men have had the field of discussion to them- exclusive "Americanism," and men are taken by the selves. Some-nay many, and they be true and bait, and humbug again rules the hour. Who after reliable supports of the cause, while practising Tem- all this, will dare to say a word against humbug, the perance, nay, abstinence themselves, and using their mighty and invincible engine of modern times !i nfluence to bring others to do likewise as condu- Humbug is not to be sneezed at. Like Diana or the happin cive to their own happiness and the good of the Ephesians, great is humbug, and greatly to be glo-

Our Senior Partner, who rejoices in double blessother hand the paid itinerants of the cause, like Philip edness, and who is certainly a responsible person, tend the Convention at Clinton. S. White and others have been intolerant and de- having some five responsibilities, -our senior partner, nunciatory, adopting a tone of abuse neither in accor- we repeat, has reminded us of the fact that this is the A M. Johnson, Arch'd. McColeman, Arch'd. McCollum, dance with the doctrines of Christianity nor the spirit first of May, and further remarke that we should James Guy, M. J. Buie. W. L. McDiarmid, Duncan Shaw, Joseph Arey, J. E. Bryan, W. McL. McKay, G. W. I. Goldof Temperance; -impatient of contradiction, and have something nice for the occasion. Now, it is evimeeting opposition with abuse rather than argument. dent that the man is behind the age. May is an old At last a direct, avowed anti-abstinence Society affair. As old as the hills, as old as Eden and inno- Fuller. has been organized in opposition to prohibitory leg- cence, as old as those long past days when little Abel islation, and a paper, the "Daily News," started as its and little Cain played together mid the flowers of the organ. This paper is edited with considerable ability, young earth, ere the stain of murder had come upon and contains among other things, articles setting forth the world; as old as the days when Adam, an infant the evils of total-abstinence. It says that if the full grown wooed our first mother amid the bowers drunkards have red noses, the abstinence men are of Paradise, both children in all but love to God and sallow, cadaveries, consumptive, dyspeptic, bad- to one another, when life itself was but a dream, but shaped men, and that the reason why females are oh, how far brighter and purer than all the realities of more consumptive than males, is because they are a world worn out tired of itself, which after all is but a dream, and neither a very pure nor a very bright one. What next is to appear we don't know; but we do Still, the world itself is new, the bright green leaves know that every excitement produces its reaction, look greener yet after the shower of the morningand that this reaction appears to have commenced the buds and blossoms are as sweet and fragrant as ever, and those more precious buds and blessomsthe joyous children and fair young maidens, who turn The eclipse came off last night according to to this as a day of happiness, perhaps look forward appointment. The clouds which had threatened to to the future with the undoubting confidence of the draw a curtain over the whole affair, politely cleared olden time. Perhaps our worthy senior, sedate and off, about the time the earth began to cast the moon serious personage as he is, sees his own youth renewin the shade. The eclipse was total-that is, as com- ed in that of his children, and feels like a boy again, plete as it could be, for as in lunar eclipses it is not and he thinks, as we all are apt to think, that others the field. the interposition of any solid body that hides the must feel as he does. Well, well, it would no doubt

"The merry month of May" has, from time immemorial, been the theme of the poet's song. The by his two deputies, Thompson and Hertra, arrested etteville North Carolinian. trive to reach the moon and render her dimly appar- Catholic Church, with that poetry which other de- at the Metropolitan Hotel Col. Henry L. Kinney, on ent—the nearest approach to "darkness visible" that nominations too much neglect, has dedicated this on an indictment found against him for being engaged

Redemption of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Public Debt for the week ending be introduced to a member of the Committee. I told 1832-'33 the Liverpool expedition lost forty out of the Committee of the Niger, only one man escaped. we know of. The very centre of the eclipse being month to her of whom it was said that all nations in fitting out a military expedition against the Repubthe least affected by the refracted rays, was almost should call her blessed, and the month of Mary holds lic of Nicaragua. Col. K. was detained, and to day an honorable place in her calendar. It is, at least, will be taken before the court for further action.

It may be fairly assumed that if there even a beautiful idea to consecrate the virgin month of ists a possibility at this advanced period of the the year, its brightest and most promising, to the world for saying anything original, that the original Virgin mother of the Holy Redeemer. We speak observation so offered would be untrue, as a general now after the manner of men, without going into thing, if not universally, from the simple reason that the merits of the case polemically, for really we Know the first minds of all ages have been engaged in re- Nothing about it, and care as little. We feel neithsearches into the realms of thought and expression to er disputations nor anything else-we have the blues,

Governor Reeder making an Ass of himself.

As our readers will remember, we took occasion, a few days since, to deprecate the course pursued by some of the citizens of the border counties of Missouri, with reference to Kansas and the course of Governor Reeder. We still deprecate the course of those who, we feel, acted illegally and improperly in that matter. We feel, as we have always felt, that any such line of conduct must eventually prove injurious to the cause it is ostensibly designed to pro- artful and aspiring demagogues, they may become the tools mote. But the full certainty of these facts does not furnish any conclusive argument in favor of Reeder's subsequent course. Reeder has been driven out, illegally, we believe. A plain, sensible man would have said, that as an United States officer, resisted in his official duty, he should have laid the matter before his official superiors for their approval or disapproval of his course and conduct, and awaited the result with decency and decorum, certain of being flag by the minions of imbecile Spain. sustained if right, and willing to be censured if Instead of this modest and becoming course, we again in the ensuing canvass.

notice, by a telegraphic despatch in the Baltimore cratic District Convention at Clinton, Sampson County, on Sun, that, on Monday, the 30th ult., Reeder had a grand ovation on his own dunghill, at Easton, where he was welcomed in a fulsome address by J. M. Porter. Esq., and replied in a bitter and inflammatory harangue. If he had wrongs as an officer, he should have looked to his government for redress; if he felt unjustly treated as a citizen, he had the same right; but, neither as an officer nor a citizen did he act worthily in making intemperate speeches to an excited crowd, but a shade removed from a mob. The concluding paragraph of the telegraphic synopsis of his speech will exhibit something of its character, although faintly. The appeal to the North is peculiarly happy. Off with his head say we. .

He declared that the accounts of the fierce outrages and wild violences perpetrated at the late election in Kansas, as published in the Northern papers, were not exaggerated, and e concluded by saying that Kansas was now a conquered country-conquered by force of arms; but the citizens were esolved never to yield their rights, and he relied upon the North to aid them by demonstrations of public sentiment

THE GERMAN VOLUNTEERS .- A notice of the paade and target shooting of this Company, intended for yesterday's paper, was unfortunately too late, as we did not get the facts as soon as we had wished. We learn that the gold medal presented by the Compresented by the officers, by M. Cornehlson; the the Chair, and P. Prioleau requested to act as Secplume by J. Meyers; the cup, to be shot for by the retary. Band, was won by Sigmund Schreiner.

which they display in these matters, as well as the augurs well for their permanence and usefulness as a Company. Whatever the talk or prejudices of the lot-box none but true and tried men. day may be, we feel confident that every citizen of and his Company that mede of commendation which they richly deserve.

Democratic Meeting in Cumberland.

According to previous notice a respectable portion of the Democrats of Cumberland county assembled in the Court House, in the Town of Fayetteville, on Saturday evening, April 21st, when on motion, R. K. Bryan, Esq., was called to the Chair, and D. J. Mc-Secretaries. The chairman stated the object of the

On motion, the chairman was requested to appoint sary by the meanness of mankind. It finds a coun- a committee of five to draft resolutions : Messrs. W. terpart of still grosser character in the course of the McL. McKay, John H. Cook, Chas. Montague, Hugh Gilmore and Jos. Arey, being appointed, retired for a short time, and on returning reported through their the list of delegates. now be-praised Emperor "our Royal Brother and chairman, Mr. McKay, the following, which on mo-WHEREAS, It is proposed to hold a Convention of the

Democrats of this Congressional District at Clinton on Tuespresent us in the next Congress Resolved, That we approve the time, place and object of said Convention, and that the Chairman of this meeting be

requested to appoint thirty delegates to represent Cumber-Resolved. That we take the present occasion to reassert our firm adherance to and full reliance in the great principles our arms illustrated, and our favored country has ad-

withful adherence to democratic principles, by its just regard for the rights of all sections alike, by its prudent and | The Superior Court had decided that the Ordinance wise management of our affairs, its efforts to repress extravagant expenditures of the public money for improper purposes. and at the same time to provide liberally the means necessary for the defence of the country, and by the lofty and by a constitutional majority. The amounts paid patriotic spirit which has pervaded its whole policy, is justly entitled to the warm admiration of every true American, and especially that of every citizen of the South.

in the principles of the democratic party, and while we stand firm in their maintenance, we cannot permit the occasion to pass without denouncing the efforts now making by a secret association to undermine and overthrow it; and we warn all true democrats attached to their country, the Constitution and liberal principles, to beware of the duplicity and intolerance of an association which performs its work in darkness | the murder of Capt. Dennison, had been captured. Resolved, That the Hon. William S. Ashe, late member

f Congsess from this District, merits our thanks for the able duties pertaining to his late station, and that in his retire- President of the Georgia Central Railroad was chosen ment he has our warm wishes for his future prosperity and B. Fuller, Esq , being called upon, responded briefly and to the point. The know-nothings received a

deserved rebuke for their secret oaths, &c.

In compliance with the first resolution the Chairman appointed the following list of delegates to at-Hon. L. Bethune, Wm. Cade, Arthur Melvin, D. J. Mc-

ston, D. Murphy, Wm. J. Yates, E. Spearman, J. G. Shep-On motion the Chairman was added to the number On motion, the Carolinian was requested to publish the proceedings, and Raleigh Standard and Wilmington Journal requested to copy.

The meeting then adjourned sine die. R. K. BRYAN, Ch'n.

D. J. McALISTER,

Secretaries. G. W. I. GOLDSTON,

Battle with the Indians.

Utahs were killed and two of the dragoons wounded.

setts, but expected to go to Grand River on the 15th. vigor. His numerous friends sincerely hope that this although he looked very innocent and simple like. On the 22d of March, when Kit Carson, Lieut, Ma- may be the case. gruder, and Capt. Williams and company, were about to leave the Punche Pass, they saw a party of Apaches; they killed one and wounded another. Col.

Arrest of Col. Kinney.

For the Journal.

Democratic Meeting in Columbus. In pursuance to previous notice, a Democratic meeting was held at the Court House, in Whiteville, on Saturday, the 28th inst. On motion, the meeting was organized by calling Col. M. Powell to the Chair, and requesting Wm. K.

Gore to act as Secretary. The object of the meeting having been explained by the Chairman, on motion a committee of three, viz: T. George, Wm. J. Stanly and Thos. L. Vail, was appointed to draft resolutions for the meeting,

who, after retiring a short time, returned and reported the subjoined resolutions, which were unanimously Resolved, That we regard the domestic and foreign policy of President Pierce as eminently conducive to the interest

and the honor of our common country. ocratic creed, as heretofore expounded, and held by the en-Resolved, That we view, with undisguised apprehension the forming of secret political combinations; that we believe them fraught with danger, and that, under the control of

of the most dangerous fanaticism and bigotry-adverse alike to the genius of our institutions and the rights of freemen; and, in our country, potent only for mischief Resolved, That we believe the secret order of Know Nothngs to be but a revival of Federalism under a new guise, even more objectionable because of its mode of operation substituting for the open and manly action of high-minded

and fearless republicans, the secret decrees of the midnight conclave, and shunning, like all other base cabals, the scrutiny of our citizens in the light of day. Resolved, That we approve of the efforts of President Pierce to suppress unlawful armed expeditions against whatever power, but view with deep concern the violation of our

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the course of our late talented representative, the Hon. W. S. Ashe, and learn with much regret his determination not to be our candidate Resolved, therefore, That we approve of holding a Demo-Sth day of May next, for the purpose of nominating

Democrat, good and true, as a candidate to represent this District in the next Congress. Resolved, That we will give our aid and cordial support to any sound and reliable Democrat who may be put in nomination by said Convention, and that we have full confidence said Convention will present no man for the suffrages of the people of this District, who is not a strict constructionist of the Constitution, a consistent and unwavering Democrat, and ence men to join the Society and then by oaths to

ach captain's district to represent this County in said Con-Whereupon the following gentlemen were appoin

F. George, A. J. Butner, J. B. Stanly, Thos. L. Vail, Col.

ded to the delegation meeting were tendered to the Chairman and Secre

tary for the faithful discharge of their duties. and all other legal means, till they shall be fully and trium- was requested to forward the proceedings of this secrets, or to do or not to do any particular act, is lethat they be published.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned. M POWELL, Chin.

W. K. GORE, Sec'y

Democratic Meeting in Brunswick. At a meeting of the Democrats of Brunswick Co. First Lieutenant Von Glahn; the company medal District Convention, Wilson Rutland was called to

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, on motion, a committee, consisting of The turn-out was highly creditable to our German J D Taylor, R. W. Woodsides and Rufus Galloway, by Christian men, they cannot be treated as criminal fellow-citizens, and the public spirit and liberal ty was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee, In this country parties and associations may unite to brough R. W. Woodsides report the following: Resolved, That we, the Democracy of Brunswick, hereby

taste exhibited in their handsome and costly prizes, declare our unalterable fidelity and devotion to the time-Resolved. That we heartily approve of the course of our Wilmington will candidly accord to Captain Wessel hereby cordially tender him our thanks for his zealous and will, by threats or otherwise, the act would be un-

Resolved, That we approve of the proposition to have a convention at Clinton in May next, to nominate a candidate it would be their duty to present the offenders. So to represent this District, and that delegates be appointed to if the Grand Jury should know or have reason to berepresent this County in said convention. Resolved. That we will give to the nominee of said convention a warm and zealous support, only requiring that he be a

mously adopted

ound and true Democrat.

gentlemen were appointed, viz: J. Lancaster, U. W. Rourk, M. Galloway, J. D. Taylor, W. A. Robbins, W. Frink, H. Gore, W. Mc-Kenzie, J. Evans, J. Bryant, J. K. Heries, Jonah Edwards, S. B. Heries, J. Bigs, O. D. Holmes, P. Prioleau, S Galloway, Dr. DeMotte.

The meeting was addressed by John D. Taylor. On motion, the Secretary was requested to for-

ward the proceedings of the meeting to the Wilming-R. W. RUTLAND, Chairman.

PHILIP PRIOLEAU, Secretary,

Later from California.

NEW ORLEANS, April 29 .- The steam ship Daniel Webster has arrived at this port from San Juan, of the Democratic Party-principles under the auspices of with advices from San Francisco to the 9th instant. the 23d instant for New York, with \$300,000 in

> The news from California is not very important. of the Council of San Francisco, for the sale of the water lots, was void, inasmuch as it was not passed comprised \$430,000, and suits had been commenced against the city for the recovery of the same. Messrs. Roman, Cohen and Jones have been elected assignees of Messrs. Adams & Co

New and rich diggings had been discovered at Dia-Advices from Salt Lake, to the 1st of March, state that seven Pawnee Indians, who were concerned in

Southern Rallroad Convention, WASHINGTON, April 30 .- This body met here today according to appointment. R. R. Cuyler, the the Wilmington and Manchester road, Secretary .pointed to prepare a schedule between Washington and New Orleans, and another was appointed to request the Postmaster General to suspend the Sunday mails without abating the annual compensation .-

when the committees will report.

Destructive Fire in Montgomery, Ala. Montgomery, Ala., May 1.—Last night the mills husband had written to me to see him about buying on Monday evening this week Dr. Baikie, in robust attached to Winters' Iron Works, in this city, were a gold mine in Virginia. I had never seen Corporal health, read a paper at the Geographical Society, deherd, Jas. McKethan, N. King, F. N. Roberts, Jas. A. Byrne, least the Geographical Society, de-James W. Dick, Sherwood Hawley, A. W. Fuller, and B. destroyed by fire. The Iron Works, however, were troduce me. We got ready to go and wore about traduce me. We got ready to go and wore about traduce me. We got ready to go and wore about traduce me. We got ready to go and wore about traduce me. We got ready to go and wore about traduce me. fortunately saved, although they suffered some inju- troduce me. We got ready to go, and were about briefly summed up: 1. The exploration of the river ry. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, on which starting, when Mrs. ——'s (my landlady's) little Chadda 250 miles beyond the point reached by Allen only \$60,000 were insured. A large quantity of baby was taken with spasms—she'd just been cut- and Oldfield in 1833. 2. The unprecedented return wheat and other breadstuffs was consumed, which is ting two large back double teeth. Mrs. - cona great loss, as our navigation is suspended. The cluding not to leave she gave me the necessary difire is supposed to have originated from the friction rections, and I set off alone. I bought my ticket for of a smut machine.

arrived at his residence in this vicinity on Monday him to be a gentleman, he had such clean finger of 1842, which ascended the river in August, and St. Louis, April 26 .- On the 29th March, two bad health. Naturally a very delicate man in frame companies of U. S. Dragoons, under Col. Fauntleroy, and features, disease has considerably weakened and met ninety Utah Apaches, armed and mounted, in the changed his general appearance, and impaired his name. Chowatch Pass. A battle ensued, when five of the constitution since we last had the pleasure of seeing him. Since he left Washington, we are glad to learn, The next day the Apaches were again fallen in with, his health has materially improved, and he entertains when six more were killed and several taken prison. the hope that a little relaxation from his very ardu. ers. The command then returned to Fort Massachu- ous duties will restore him to his wonted health and I enquired, growing a little vexed at his impertinence,

Navy Department in a bett r manner, and given more duced to me by him in this city. I believe he lied, from mortality is mainly to be attributed, was not general satisfaction, both to political friends and op- for I don't remember ever having seen him before.— known, or at all events not practiced, when they were Garland left Santa Fe on the 4th of March for Albu. ponents, than Mr. Dobnin. The testimony of the Just before we reached Lowell, this gentleman—I for- undertaken. But to show the marked difference we querque, where he will expedite the movements in press, throughout the whole country, substantiates get what his name was—said there was a Legislative subjoin the mortality of four expeditions connected this fact, and the country, no doubt, will be happy Committee on the train going to inspect the number- with the Niger: In 1805 Mungo Park left the Gamto learn of the honorable Secretary's complete restor- ies in Lowel. I asked him if he meant the factories. bia with thirty-eight Europeans, seven of whom suration to health and renewal of strength to enable He laughed, and said, "No, the Catholic Nunneries." vived to reach the Niger at Sego, and the remainder NEW YORK, April 28.—Last night United States him to prosecute the duties of his responsible station I told him that I believed the Roman Catholics were perished either from disease or with their intrepid

> Total...... 82,450 to introduce you to Joseph Hiss, Esq., a member of ruary 17th.

Buncombe County.

Action of a Grand Jury. The Grand Jury of Buncombe county, N. C., at the ecent term of the Superir Court, made a presentment against the know-nothings. The gentlemen composing the Grand Jury, we are assured by a gentle. respectability and intelligence in Buncombe county. Judge Saunders on the merits of the presentment: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,)

Superior Court-Spring Term, 1855. The Jurors for the State, upon their oaths, present that they have reason to believe that a combination of men, commonly called "Know-Nothings," exist in this county, one of the objects of which is, by bind-Resolved, That we have an abiding confidence in the Dem- ing men with extra judicial oaths, secretly administered, and by other secret obligations, and by threatening those of their members who offer to withdraw ington House. My room was assigned me, and after from their order, to control citizens of this county in the transaction of my business, I retired to it, and the exercise of their right to vote conformably with there remained until breakfast time next morning their own free will, as contemplated by the Consti- Mr. Hiss is as innocent as I am myself of the slight tution and laws of this State. And the said Jurors est indiscretion, and I sincerely hope that those are ready, if the Honorable Court shall so advise, to newspapers which, actuated by the spirit of the furnish for the information of the Court and the So- devil, and urged on by the rod of Jesuits, have done icitor for the State, a list of witnesses to prove these him the injustice to insinuate to the contrary, will facts. And whether this is a violation of the crimi- publish the explanatory letter. nal law, and what is their duty in the matter, they, the said Jurors, are ignorant, and pray the advice of the Honorable Court in the premises.

D. J. ROBERTS, Foreman. JEREMIAH WEST, G. J. D. GARRISON, H. LINDSEY, JOSEPH MILLER, SIMS OWNBEY, ELIJAH MORGAN, G. W. HAMPTON, Jos. BARNARD, T. O. ROBERTS, A. M. GUDGER, JAS. M. RAY, ROBT. HAWKINS, U. WARREN, JOHN MCMERRELL, E HEREN.

CHARGE OF JUDGE SAUNDERS

The Grand Jury applied to the Judge for instructions as to whether it was an indictable offence, if it should appear that a Society had been formed in this county, the object and design of which was, to influentirely disconnected wi h any secret political order or ism | bind its members to secreey and to compel them to vote against their will, for or against a particular candidate. His Honor replied in substance, that it had been said by high authority, that few things are involved in greater doubt in the criminal law, than the point at which a combination of persons in a common object becomes illegal. If this be so in England in regard to associations of a political character, still more must it be so in this country. It is the combination or agreement of a number of persons to On motion the Chairman and Secretary were ad- do a particular act, that constitutes the gist of the offence. But to make the conspiracy or agreement On motion of Thos. L . Vail. Esq , the thanks of the criminal, the act proposed must be unlawful: or the combination and agreement must be to effect a legal purpose by illegal means. The administration of an On motion of Thos. L. Vail, Esq., the Secretary oath to the members of any Society not to divulge its meeting to the Wilmington Journal, with the request gally of no binding obligation, and in a moral point With such a queer name, you would hardly suppose of view decidedly wrong.* The law only authorizes | How much, after all, a know-nothing knows; the Judge or Magistrate to administer an oath, in some legal investigation then pending and of which the Magistrate may have jurisdiction; and unless thus administered, the party even should he swear falsely could not be convicted of perjury. If a party's word of honor could not bind him, an unauthorized oath would not likely have the effect of doing so .-pany to the officers, for the best shot, was won by gates to represent said County in the Democratic In England they have an act of Parliament declaring the Society of United Irishmen, and some other Societies, as unlawful, and forbidding the administration of an oath to its members, according to the rules of the Society. But we have no such statute in this State, and whatever may be thought of such oaths carry any political object by fair reason or argument, and even hold out personal honors or advantages to Now who, from his title, would ever suppose onored principles of our party; and that in the future, as in unite in the support of particular men or measures the past, we will prove our fidelity by supporting at the bal- But if any set of men should conspire together to elect or defeat any one, who might be held up for late distinguished representative, Hon. W. S. Ashe, and public trust, by forcing the voter to vote against his effective efforts for the good of his constituents, and express lawful, and therefore criminal. And if the Grand Jury should know that any such act had been done, lieve that there existed in the county any association of men, combined together to effect such a purpose, it would be their duty to investigate the matter and On motion, the foregoing resolutions were unani- act accordingly. But the Jury should not institute such an investigation, unless they had sufficient In accordance with the resolutions, the following grounds to suspect that such a conspiracy did exist, and that for an unlawful purpose.

* One of the Articles of Faith of the Episcopal Churchand the Methodist Church it is believed has an Article of similar import-declares "that vain and 1ash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ. But that a man may swear when the Magistrate requireth."

On motion of J. Evans the Chairman was added to Who Is Mrs. Patterson ?-- The Question Answered.

Boston, April 17, 1855. Mr. Editor of the Times:-Having been dragged unceremoniously, and with ruthless and indecent viocolumns to make a plain statement of facts. I do chiefs on the banks of the river, who readily welcome this not so much to exculpate myself-for I fear nei- trading adventurers. ther devil nor priest-but to relieve from popular dium a worthy and unoffending man, christian and gentleman-Mr. Joseph Hiss.

In the first place then, Mr. Editor, I am a married woman. My maiden name was Matilda Blount. I was married to Capt. Iehiel Patterson, in this city, by the Rev. Mr. Streeter, on the 25th of August, 1850. I was born in Portland, Maine; from which port my husband, for several years, ran a packet schooner to New York-the schooner's name was "Jenny Patten." In 1852 my husband went to California. Not succeeding there he proceeded to the Sandwich Islands, and he is there now, running a Leone for interpreters and at the Kroo coast for Kroosmall steamer between Konaka and Tooraloo. He writes to me by every California packet, and I never and Fernando Po. She left that island for the Niger have had any reason to complain of his want of attention or to doubt his fidelity.

Mr. Editor, I live here in a private and highly re-Chairman, and L. J. Flemming, Superintendent of spectable family in Harrison Avenue. My circle of Sixteen roads are represented. A committee was ap. associate bear the best reputation for sobriety and and an assistant to Dr. Baikie. Dr. Bleek had inval-The convention then adjourned to the 22d of May, of the mills. She was also a Maine lady. I told crew of the vessel. her that I would go with her, because a gentleman After an absence of four months the Pleiad returned seventy-five cents, of the ticket-master in the depot. a new era in African exploration. As far as the The Hon. James C. Dobbin, Secretary of the Navy, after the train started, a gentleman came up-I took disease were as rile as in the Government expedition nails-and smiling at me, he said enquiringly-"This is Mrs. Patterson, I believe?

Although much surprised, I told him that was my "Mrs. Matilda Patterson?" he continued.

"I was christened Matilda," I replied. "Wife of Capt. Jehiel Patterson?

He begged I would pardon him. Said he knew my ditions not to state that the successful treatment of No man has ever administered the affairs of the husband in California, and that he had been intro- fever by quinine, to which evidently the immunity Marshall Hillyer, of the Southern District, assisted in the councils of the nation. So mote it be.—Fay- a set of pesky scoundrels, and I was glad some of leader on the river. In 1816, out of Capt. Tuckey's

the House of Representatives, and also one of the Nunnery Committee-Mr. Hiss, Mrs. Patterson Mr. Editor, I was only too proud to make the ac

quaintance of Mr. Hiss. I liked him for his personal beauty as well as for the business he was on. Mr. Editor, I pledge you the honor of a woman man acquainted with them, are persons of the first that I never saw Mr. Hiss before—to know him And when he asked me about my business, and Below we publish the document and the charge of kindly told me that he would find out Corporal Streeter, and between them they would attend to all my little hotel affairs, I had not the remotest idea that I was to be stuck on the tail of a Legislative

Committee, like a bob to a kite, to give it balance. No. Mr. Editor, my husband supplies me with money enough to pay all my expenses-and I have some over-plus, which I devote to buying sugar-plums for my landlady's little children.

Mr. Editor, I had nothing particular to do or to say with Mr. Hiss after he escorted me to the Wash.

With sincere regard, I remain, Mr. Editor, the slandered, but independent

MATILDA PATTERSON,

Harrison Avenue P. S.-1 open this letter to state that I have a cow. hide on hand, and if either Mr. Hiss or myself is further calumniated by the Pope's minions I shall not fail to use it -come what may.

The recent scenes of effigy-burning and riot recall a reminiscence. During the first campaign of the revolution some of the camp followers of the American army entered into a design that called out the following order, which may be found entered in Washington's "Orderly Book :"

"November 5, 1775 .-- As the Commander in Chief has been apprized of a design for the observance of that ridiculous and childish custom of burning the effigy of the Pope, he cannot help expressing his supprise that there should be officers and soldiers in this army so void of common sense as not to see the impropriety of such a step at this juncture-at a time when we are soliciting, and have really obtained the friendship and alliance of the people of Canada, whom we ought to consider as brethren embarked in the same cause—the detense of the general liberty of America. At such a juncture, and in such circumstances, to be insulting their religion, is so monstrous as not to be suffered or excused; indeed. instead of offering the most remote insult, it is our duty to express public thanks to these our brethren. as to them we are indebted for every late happy success over the common enemy in Canada.

"G. WASHINGTON," What a Know-Nothing Knows.

BY OTHEN SABE. He knows that the country has nothing to hope

Till we've banished the papists and poisoned the Pope ; He knows that all priests are merely the tools Of the devil to worry know-nothings and fools ; That "Sisters of Charity" ought to be kissed: That monks should be murdered, and nuns should be Hissed; That the calendar Saints of ancient renown ious " Americans " ought to " but down Till the last of the crew is imprisoned or dead, And even St. Nicholas yields to Saint Ned!* He knows that a "furriner" ought not to go to The polls, though as brave as DeKalb or DeSoto Thinks good Layfayette was the vilest of caitiffs.

And knows that "the Puritans" must have been natives! He knows immigration's a dreadful expense, That doesn't admit of the slightest defence : Can tell, to a penny, exactly how much We lose every day by the pestilent Dutch; low a pauper appears with his rags and his tatters on. What it costs to feed "Pat," and to board "Mrs. Pat.

How many queer things a know-nothing knows? * Ned Buntline, the godly founder of the sect of know-

Successful African Exploration.

The recent expedition up the Chadda has met with a success unexampled in the history of African explorations. The expedition arose out of a discovery made by Dr. Barth. Before that enterprising traveller set out on his perhaps fatal journal to Timbuctoo he had made an excursion to the south of Lake Chad; and on his way he crossed a river of considerable magnitude, flowing westward, which he rightly conectured to be the Chadda, and eastern branch of the

When this intelligence reached the Foreign Office Lord Clarendon proposed to the Admirality that a steamer should be sent up the Chadda from the sea to ascertain its character and open a communication with the overland explorers, Dr. Barth and Dr. Vogel. It so happened that in 1852, Mr. Macgregor Laird had offered to provide a steamer for the explor-The Boston Times publishes the following letter ation of any of the African rivers; and, he was called purporting to come from Mrs. Patterson, whose name upon by the Admirality to submit a plan of operahas gained some notoriety by a connection with the tions to them. The plan he sent in was adopted, Nunnery Committee of the Massachusetts Legisla- the Government agreed to pay £5,000 as its contriture. There has been much to grieve over and some- bution, and Mr. Laird contracted to build a screwthing to laugh at in the proceedings of that Commit- steamer of 265 tons capable of steaming ten knots an tee. Mrs. Patterson's letter comes fairly under the hour, to pay all the expenses of the voyage, and to carry out as passengers such officers as the Government might appoint. The natives are incapable of appreciating an expedition of a purely scientific or philanthropic, and it was hoped, not without reason, lence before the public, by a hireling Jesuitical and that the trading character of the vessel to be employparasitical press, I take advantage of your liberal ed would fail to excite the jealousies of the native

> Capt. Becroft, so well and so long known in connexion with the Niger, volunteered for the service, and was busily engaged preparing for it when death removed from the scene of his usefulness this remarkable man, who individually perhaps had done more good during his residence of twenty-four years at Fernando Po than any other European in those parts. Dr. Baikie, R. N., and Dr. Bleek, a German philologist, were the two other Government officers appointed to ascend the Chadda.

Mr. Laird named his steamer the Pleiad, and she sailed from Liverpool in May last, calling at Sierra men, discharging her European crew at Sierra Leone on the 8th July with a complement of sixty-sixtwelve Europeans and the remainder Africans. Nine of the Europeans were the officers of the Pleiad, three were Government officers, Dr. Baikie, Mr. May, acquaintance is limited; but those with whom I lo who had volunteered from her Majesty's ship Crane, morality. (You will please bear in mind, Mr. Edi- ided from Fernando Po. The Rev. Mr. Crowther, tor, that I didn't know Mr. Stephen Emery, and have of the Church Missionary Society, accompanied the no desire to become acquainted with such a beast.) expedition, on the invitation of Mr. Laira, and the One day the lady with whom I reside proposed a remainder were Africans of different tribes to serve trip to Lowell, to see a sister of hers who was in one as interpreters, and Kroomen, forming the working

they called Corporal Streeter lived in Lowell, and my to Fernando Po without the loss of a single man; and of the whole number of Europeans employed in the expedition without a single casuality.

Mr. Editor-I took my seat in the cars, and just banks of the river were concerned the elements of lost forty-two men in one-half the time that the Pleiad remained in the river. It is demonstrated that a well-planned, well-officered expedition can survey these great arteries of the African continent in safety that the veil can be safely lifted from the mysterious interior; and that a few thousand pounds judiciously spread over eight or ten years will remove the blank " Wife of Jehiel Patterson. Anything more sir ?" between the Niger and the Indian Ocean which now deforms our mans.

It would be unfair to the leaders of former expetheir infernal doings were to be spread before the expedition to the Congo, then supposed to be the emlight of day. He then asked me if I would like to bouchure of the Niger, only one man escaped. In knew my husband said—"Mrs. Patterson, allow me hundred and forty-five whites.—London paper, Feb-